

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-322-T - ORDER NO. 1999-544
AUGUST 4, 1999

IN RE: Application of Tonya J. Glaser DBA Glaser)	ORDER DENYING
& Sons Local Mooving, 5 Farming Creek)	PETITION TO
Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681, for a Class E)	RECONSIDER
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition to Reconsider filed in this Docket on behalf of Carey Moving & Storage, Inc., Carey Moving & Storage of Greenville, Inc., and Arrow Moving & Storage, Inc. For the reasons stated below, this Petition must be denied.

The gravamen of the Petition is twofold: first, that the shipper witnesses did not state that they tried to find another mover and could find no mover but Glaser & Sons Local Mooving (Glaser); and, second, that the shipper witnesses did not prove that the public convenience and necessity required the granting of the authority that the Commission granted. Both points are without merit.

First, the testimony of shipper witness Aphrodite Konduros clearly indicated that she had attempted to consult with other movers before her moves, and, on one occasion, she even obtained an estimate from another mover for her household goods move. However, that mover's estimate was high for the short distance desired. She was also told that it was "impossible to get a move" during May or June of the type she was interested

in, that such moves were “just not profitable,” and that movers look for the larger moves during that time. Second, we held in Order No. 1999-451 that we believed that Glaser could fill a niche in the present market for short distance moves. Glaser testified that he wanted authority within a 30 mile radius of Greenville. We declared in Order No. 1999-451 the difficulty in enforcing a “radius” criteria, and proceeded to grant authority in terms of counties that approximated a 30 mile radius as best we could. Mrs. Konduros testified as to moves for Greenville to Taylors and Taylors to Greer. Taylors and Greer are some short distance from the City of Greenville proper. We believe that we are entitled to extrapolate this testimony to allow authority in other directions that are relatively short distances from Greenville. We do not believe that the shipper witnesses’ testimony must match up exactly with the authority that we grant. If a witness shows that the public convenience and necessity is served through moves a short distance from Greenville in one direction, we believe that we are entitled to conclude that the public convenience and necessity would be served by having a mover serve for a short distance in other directions from Greenville as well, especially when the Applicant is clearly fit, willing, and able to perform the needed service, and is desirous of performing the service within a 30 mile radius of Greenville County. We therefore conclude that the authority we granted to the Applicant in Order No. 1999-451 was proper and appropriate considering the evidence, and we reaffirm it.

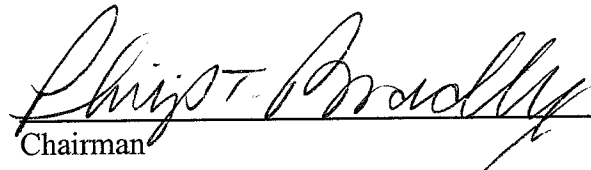
The Petition to Reconsider must be denied.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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